

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Withdrawn) A molded component, comprising:
a molded member; and
a protrusion printed on a surface of the molded member.
2. (Withdrawn) A molded component as claimed in claim 1, wherein the protrusion includes a plurality of Braille dots.
3. (Withdrawn) A molded component as claimed in claim 1, wherein the protrusion is transparent.
4. (Withdrawn) A molded component as claimed in claim 1, wherein the protrusion is formed of normal-temperature curing resin.
5. (Withdrawn) A molded component as claimed in claim 1, wherein the protrusion is formed of photo-curing resin.
6. (Withdrawn) A molded component as claimed in claim 1, wherein the protrusion is provided on the surface of the molded member through a screen printing.
7. (Withdrawn) A molded component as claimed in claim 1, wherein a character is printed on the surface of the molded member.
8. (Withdrawn) A molded component as claimed in claim 7,
wherein the character is printed on the surface of the molded member through a first screen printing by using a first screen having through-holes with a first size, and
wherein the protrusion is provided on the surface of the molded member through a second screen printing by using a second screen having through-holes with a second size greater than the first size.

9. (Withdrawn) A molded component as claimed in claim 7, wherein the protrusion is provided on top of the character.
10. (Withdrawn) A molded component as claimed in claim 1, wherein the molded member has a first surface roughness, the protrusion having a second surface roughness different from the first surface roughness.
11. (Withdrawn) A molded component as claimed in claim 10, wherein the surface of the molded member is a grain surface.
12. (Withdrawn) A molded component as claimed in claim 10, wherein the surface of the molded member is curved.
13. (Withdrawn) An operation panel, comprising:
a molded component including a molded member and a protrusion printed on a surface of the molded member; and
an operation portion received by the molded member for receiving a user's manipulation.
14. (Withdrawn) An operation panel as claimed in claim 14, wherein the operation portion includes an operation switch received by the molded member at a location that enables the user's finger to touch both of the operation switch and the protrusion simultaneously.
15. (Withdrawn) An electronic device, comprising:
a housing;
an operation panel mounted to the housing, the operation panel including:
a molded component including a molded member and a protrusion printed on a surface of the molded member; and
an operation portion received by the molded member for receiving a user's manipulation; and

an electronic unit mounted in the housing and executing a predetermined electronic operation in response to the user's manipulation of the operation portion.

16-18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) A method of producing a molded component, comprising:

defining at least one first region on at least a part of the entire surface of the molded member;

defining a plurality of second regions on the at least a part of the entire surface of the molded member, the total number of the plurality of second regions being greater than the total number of the at least one first region;

printing a character of ink on a surface of a molded member onto each first region; and

forming a protrusion directly on the surface of the molded member onto each second region, on which the character has already been printed,

wherein the forming the protrusion is performed more frequently than the printing the character on the surface of the molded member, and

wherein the surface of the molded member is curved, and curved.

further comprising:

defining at least one first region on at least a part of the entire surface of the molded member, the character printing step performing its character printing operation onto each first region; and

defining a plurality of second regions on the at least a part of the entire surface of the molded member, the protrusion printing step performing its protrusion printing operation onto each second region, the total number of the plurality of second regions being greater than the total number of the at least one first region.